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REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-62 and 64 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 66, 67, 68 and 70 have been amended to be dependent from claims 63 or 65. The claims have been amended to obviate the only remaining rejection which was to claim 64 and claims 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, dependent therefrom. Specifically, the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 64, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, will be obviated by the above amendments. Entry of the amendments is requested to place the application in condition for allowance. The amendments do not raise further issues requiring further search and/or consideration. No new matter has been added.

Claims 63 and 65 have been noted as being in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance with regard to the remaining claims 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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